

Editors Final Ramblings!



Well I'm afraid it's time to put the lid onto the inkwell for the final time. I have enjoyed my time as editor for the club but I find it harder to find time and inspiration to make the Newsletter as interesting as I would like it to be. I do hope someone steps forward and takes over the position, I will certainly give them a hand with the publication side of things. So farewell and thanks to all the members who supported me and the Newsletter by providing great articles for publication over the years.

Brian G.





A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE



I cannot believe the Summer season is over already. The weather has been fair to middling. Boats have been bought and sold and we have had some great racing. I have been impressed by the tenacity of our sailors, especially at the Glenarm race when one of our boats stayed the distance in the calmest day ever. Well done to Michael and Mary McSorley (Ishtar) who kept going in light winds to win the race. Bad luck to Brian Andrews (Maximoose) who only put the engine on 0.6 miles from Glenarm.

Regatta day in my opinion was a huge success, which would not have been possible without the Cockle Island team effort and the generosity of our sponsors Sharon and David Lemon. 18 boats competed on the day, which was a phenomenal amount Our marquee was packed. Special thanks to Joan Darcy, Joan Bell, Marie Graham, Norma Heaney, Barbara Rowley and Rosemary Stevenson without whose help it would not have been such a great day. £250 was raised for Belfast Lough Sailability by John Cleary and his fantastic family for which BLS was very grateful. I could not have been more proud to be Commodore of such a great club.

I have met the Lady Mayor twice since and she still mentions the egg sandwiches. Over the summer there have been four group visits, which included an excellent tour and lunch at Wright Bus, Ballymena.

£330 was handed over to the Whitehead Railway Museum.

£65 to Window on Wildlife.

£100 to Sir Samuel Kelly lifeboat.

Thanks to all who attended and supported these charities.

It was a pleasure getting to know you all better at the Spring supper and the various days out. I am looking forward to meeting up for the Winter programme and the Prize Giving evening in November.

Gemma. Commodore CIBC





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On 15/5/25 CIBC members had a fantastic trip to the above at their Museum in Whitehead. In keeping with the visit the train service was used from Bangor to Whitehead changing at Lanyon Place. A very enjoyable journey was had by all. Thanks must go to Our Commodore Gemma for organising the trip ably assisted by her husband Lex. Lunch was also included and enjoyed by all.



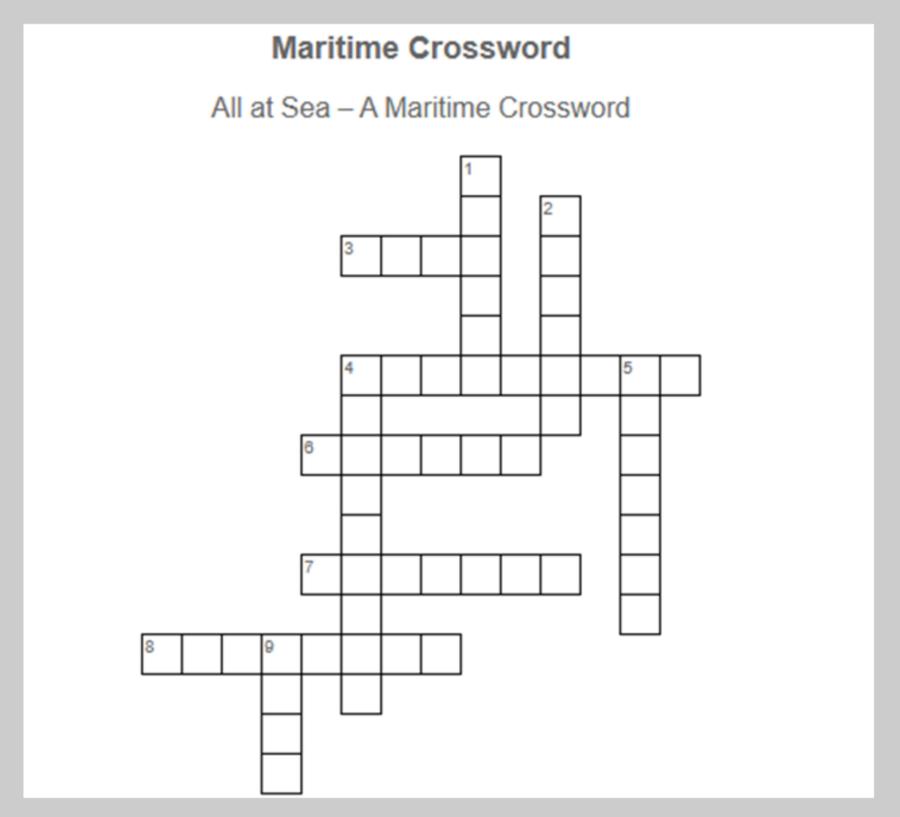






Cockle Island Boat Club





Across

- 3. The central structural base of a ship, running along the bottom.
- 4. Right-hand side of a vessel when facing forward.
- 6. The aft-most mast on a three-masted vessel.
- 7. Weight placed low in a vessel for stability.
- 8. Openings on the side of a ship to drain water.

Down

- 1. Lever used to steer a boat by turning the rudder.
- 2. A nautical measure of depth equal to six feet.
- 4. A large sail used when sailing downwind.
- 5. A series of boat races, often with associated festivities.
- 9. Left-hand side of a vessel (or a harbour).



Firth of Clyde Cruise 2023



17-25 July 2023 onboard Yomper, a 1982 Sadler 26

Owners: Gemma & Lex McCoubrey, both of CIBC.

Yomper, our Sadler 26 coming into Campbeltown.

17 July 1000h departed Bangor. Weather fair with bright sunshine and light breeze from the north. 15nm out towards

Campbeltown fuel ran out. Sight gauge showed 3/4 full, which turned out to be an airlock in the gauge; an unusual fault. Refuelled from the spare 20l jerrycan, but decided to return to Bangor, as I thought it prudent as I now lacked spare fuel.

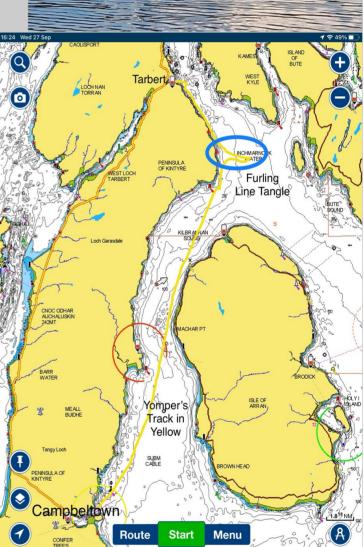
Returned to Bangor at 1800h. Total engine hours 8.

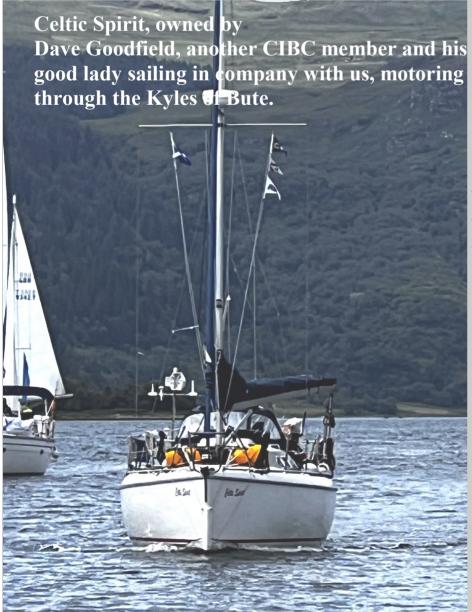
18 July 1100h - 2000h Bangor to Campbeltown. Weather gave heavy rain for the first 3 hours of the passage, then clear skies and pleasant light breeze. We were welcomed into port by Dave and Gwen Goodfield, who had made good the crossing prior to our arrival. 48nm. Total engine hours 9. Main fuel tank & jerrycan filled. 251 & 201.

19 July 1100h - 1755h Campbeltown to Tarbert. Weather gave 17 -23 knot northerly winds. 33nm. 1530h the Genoa furling line tangled in the drum and the sail was dropped. This failure to reef was found to be due to the furling line being tangled within the drum. Upon berthing this was untangled and following discussion with the skipper of a Ellen McArthur Trust vessel, she suggested that it had been caused by my not maintaining tension on the line

as the Genoa was unfurled and that the line was too thin. Total engine hours 7.

Yomper's track from Campbeltown to Tarbert showing the detour attempt to fix the Genoa issue.





20 July 1100h - 1515h Tarbert to Port Bannatyne, Bute. 20nm. The route went by way of West & East Kyle and through the northern of the Burnt Islands channels. We were rather surprised at the poor behaviour and seamanship of a number of vessels during this passage, particularly in the area of Burnt Islands. At the end of the passage it was noted that a small quantity of diesel fuel was found in the bottom of the lazarette. Cleaned, but no source of leak was found. Total engine hours 4.



21 July 1045h - 1533h Port Bannatyne to Troon. 25nm. 20l added to main fuel tank and jerrycan filled. Lazarette found to have diesel in the bottom again. A local marine engineer was tasked and found the source to be a hose opening on the top of the fuel tank, which had not been capped and was spilling fuel when the vessel was canted. This was made good and the area cleaned. Total engine hours 4 1/2 **Burnt Islands joining West and**

East Kyle.







Gemma on the helm en route to Troon.

22 & 23 July in Troon sheltering from adverse weather.

Our stay in Troon Marina allowed us a day trip by train to Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum in Glasgow and an excellent Sunday Roast at Scott's Restaurant in the marina.

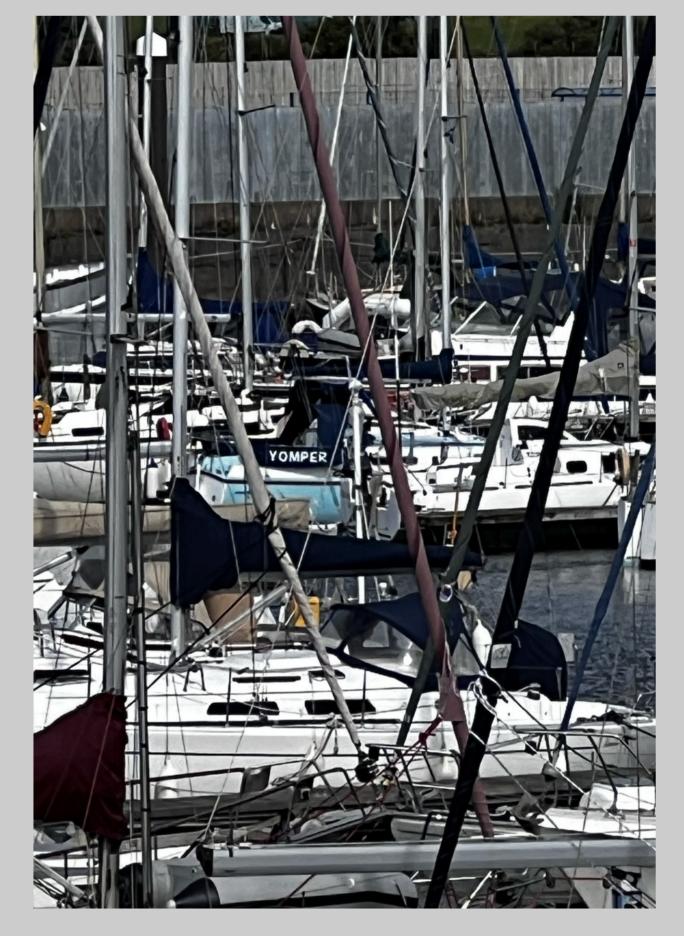


24 July 1010h - 1640h Troon to Campbeltown. 33nm. No diesel found in lazarette. Total engine hours 6 1/2.

25 July 0850h - 1635h Campbeltown to Bangor. 47nm. No diesel found in lazarette. Total engine hours 7 1/2.

Total Engine Hours: 46 1/2.
Total distance: 247nm.
Total fuel consumption:
(approximate) 451.
This gives 11 per hour at 2k rpm.

Lex and Gemma



Yomper in Troon among the big yachts.





Cockle Island Boat Club 2025 End of Season Dinner and Prize Giving Saturday 1st of November 2025 Clandeboye Golf Club 7 for 7.30 pm STARTERS



Roast Tomato & Bell Pepper Soup, Homemade Guinness Wheaten Bread (V) Fivemiletown Goats Cheese Bon Bons, Honey Balsamic Hand Rolled, Oriental Spring Rolls, Honey Soy Dip Mains

Daube of Northern Irish Beef Creamy Mash, Honey Roast Carrots, Tenderstem Broccoli, Red Wine Jus

Lemon Thyme Chicken
Potatoes Anna, Honey Carrots, Tenderstem
Broccoli, Chicken Sauce

Pan Roasted Salmon
Pomme Croquettes, Truffle Greens, Lemon
and Caper Beurre Noisette

Mushroom & Cep Pappardelle Pasta (v)
Truffle Greens and Sourdough Toast

Tea or Coffee and Shortbread



Cockle Island Boat Club Winter Programme



Wed 01/10/2025 Gemma McCoubrey Committee Meeting

Wed 08/10/2025 Aileen McClenaghen Stopping Whaling in the Azores

Wed 15/10/2025 Terry Graham & Gary Wilgar The ill Wind That Does No Good.

Wed 22/10/2025 Christopher Kenny The Result, The Last Ulster Schooner

Wed 29/10/2025 Bob & Christine Harper Letters to the Boatyard

Sat 01/11/2025 Gemma McCoubrey Annual Dinner & Prize Giving CGC

Wed 05/11/2025 Gemma McCoubrey Committee Meeting

Wed 12/11/2025 Eric Woods A History of the Sirocco Works

Wed 19/11/2025 Rosie Hickey World War II - The Blitz in Belfast & North Down

Wed 26/11/2025 Roger Woodward Sailing to Argentina

Wed 03/12/2025 Gemma McCoubrey Committee Meeting

Wed 10/12/2025 Harry Patterson YouTube Videos

Wed 17/12/2025 Campbell Gardner "Sails Snacks & Seasonal Cheer"

Wed 24/12/2025 Christmas Break Christmas Break Wed 31/12/2025 Christmas Break Christmas Break

Wed 07/01/2026 Gemma McCoubrey Committee Meeting

Wed 14/01/2026 Campbell Gardner & Gemma McCoubrey AGM
8pm Sharp Tea Makers Required